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Trump Exits Iran Nuclear Deal, Restores Tough Economic Sanctions



US President Donald Trump displays a presidential memorandum after announcing his intent to withdraw from the Iran nuclear deal. Photo: Reuters / Jonathan Ernst.

BY BEN COHEN

US President Donald Trump finally exited the 2015 nuclear deal with Iran on Tuesday, pledging at a special briefing at the White House that he will immediately impose the “highest level of economic sanctions” to deter the Tehran regime’s pursuit of nuclear weapons.

Trump declared, “We will not allow a regime that chants ‘Death to America’ to gain access to the most

dangerous weapons on the Earth.”

Under a congressional act passed in September 2015, the US president is required to certify Iranian compliance with the JCPOA — the technical name for the nuclear deal — every 90 days. Trump had certified Iranian compliance three times during his presidency, despite slamming the JCPOA — the signature diplomatic achievement of the previous Obama Administration — as “the

worst deal ever.”

Trump was no less forgiving of his predecessor on Tuesday, stating that the “disastrous deal gave this regime — a regime of great terror — many billions of dollars, some of it in actual cash.”

Accusing Iran of supporting “terrorist proxies and militias such as Hezbollah, Hamas, the Taliban and Al Qaeda,” Trump charged that the “so-called Iran deal was

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Expert on Lebanon’s Election: ‘When Hezbollah Wins, Iran Has Won’

BY BEN COHEN

The results of Lebanon’s elections on Sunday have effectively placed the country’s institutions in the hands of Iran and its local proxy Hezbollah, a leading Middle East analyst warned during an interview with *The Algemeiner* on Monday.

“When Hezbollah wins, it means that Iran has won in Lebanon,” observed Hanin Ghaddar — a prominent Lebanese journalist who is now a visiting fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy think tank — as results showed Prime Minister Saad Hariri’s pro-western Future Movement losing up to one-third of its parliamentary seats.



Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah addresses an April 15 election rally in the Bekaa Valley via a video link. Photo: Reuters / Aziz Taher.

In a nationally-televised address on Monday, Hezbollah’s leader, Hassan Nasrallah, hailed what he called a “great moral and political victory for the resistance that protects the country.”

But Ghaddar said that election observers had reported at least 7,000 violations during the poll. In one case, Joumana Haddad, a Christian journalist and women’s rights activist who stood as a parliamentary candidate in Beirut, alleged outright electoral fraud when an earlier decision to recog-

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Netanyahu's Wake-Up Call to the World on the Iranian Nuclear Program



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Revelations over the last 10 years have left little doubt that Tehran has been seeking a nuclear weapon, no matter what its spokesmen claimed. But the revelations put forward by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on April 30 came from original official documents with the stamp of the Iranian regime.

Therefore, it can now be stated without any qualification that Iran had a nuclear-weapons program. Consequently, the whole Iran nuclear agreement was negotiated under false pretenses.

During the talks on the Iran deal, Iranian negotiators falsely assured the West that Iran did not seek a nuclear arsenal — because there was a fatwa, an Islamic legal ruling, forbidding the development of atomic weapons issued by Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. Both then-president Barack Obama and secretary of state John Kerry spoke about the Iranian fatwa. Now this has been shown to be plainly false.

There is a huge difference between holding negotiations with a state like Iran if you assume that it has no intention of building nuclear weapons versus a situation in which

you have incontrovertible evidence that Iran is determined to become a nuclear power. The substance of an agreement will be very different.

A different approach is therefore needed. In the nuclear realm, the verification regime must look very different for a state which has had an unquestionable goal of arming itself with nuclear weapons and delivery systems for them.

During the last 10 years, there were times when remarkable revelations were made public about the Iranian nuclear program that left little doubt Tehran was seeking a nuclear weapon.

In February 2008, Olli Heinonen, then serving as the deputy director-general of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), gave a highly classified briefing to representatives of 100 states in which he revealed that Iran was working on a warhead for its Shahab-3 missile that was to be detonated at an altitude of 600 meters. At that height, a conventional explosion would have no effect on the ground. But it was also the height of the explosion of the atomic bomb used at Hiroshima. The Shahab-3 had a range of 1,300 kilometers and could strike Israel from Iranian territory. It has been operational since 2003.

Three years later, the IAEA reported in May 2011 that it had concerns about the “possible existence” of seven areas of Iranian military research. One of the most alarming revelations in the IAEA report was the research being conducted on “the removal of the conventional high explosive payload from the warhead of the

Shahab-3 missile and replacing it with a spherical nuclear payload.”

It should be reiterated that the language of the IAEA report was only about the “possible existence” of this work. Subsequent reports were more definitive, but were based on intelligence that much of the world did not see. There could always be some doubt of the veracity of these reports that Iran's allies would stress.

The revelations put forward by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on April 30 included a number of these same reports and they looked familiar to those acquainted with the work of the IAEA. But now they were coming from original official documents with the stamp of the Iranian regime. It can be stated without any qualification that Iran had a nuclear weapons program. The whole Iran nuclear agreement, consequently, had been negotiated under false pretenses. That was a significant development.

Take, for example, the assertion frequently made during these talks that Iran could not possibly have been working on a nuclear bomb because of the fatwa. Obama made reference to the fatwa on September 27, 2013. Then, on November 24, 2013, Kerry spoke about the fatwa and the fact that Iranian Foreign Minister Zarif had made reference to it. A spokesman for the US National Security Council stated at that



A map of nuclear facilities in Iran. Photo: Semhur via Wikimedia.

time that Iranians raised the fatwa during their negotiations with the West.

Of course, there was no fatwa on Khamenei's website, but the rumors about it were used by Iranian negotiators to falsely assure the West that Iran did not seek a nuclear arsenal. Now this has been shown to be plainly false.

Add to that the assumption of negotiators that Iran was moving in a “moderate” direction. This was a central theme sold to the Washington establishment by Ben Rhodes, the deputy national security adviser for strategic communications. Iran today is seeking regional hegemony in the Middle East, with its forces supporting insurgencies in Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Bahrain, and Yemen. Negotiations with a status quo power look very different from negotiations with a state still seeking to export the Islamic revolution.

There is a huge difference in holding

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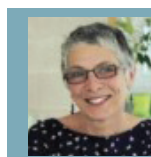
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The Mossad's Stupendous Achievement in Tehran



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What was the real target audience of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's extraordinary presentation last week of the secret Iranian nuclear archive raided by the Mossad?

With its headline message “Iran lied,” some say it was intended to persuade Donald Trump to pull America out of the 2015 Iran nuclear deal, a decision he will make by May 12.

This is implausible. The Israelis briefed Trump and his team on the discovery of these documents soon after they took them at the end of January.

It is said that it was aimed at the Europeans, who have been urging Trump not to scrap the deal. If so, this was surely naive, since the Europeans' position is unlikely to be shaken by Netanyahu's presentation.

Others say it was done to show the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) how badly it was duped into supporting the nuclear deal. This is again unlikely. If Israel had intended to enlighten the IAEA, it could have given it this material without the razzmatazz.

It's possible that Israel did think this presentation would encourage the world to clamor for the deal to be scrapped. But the shock of these revelations is likely to be felt not so much by the world in general as by the Iranian regime itself.

After all, it's hardly an earth-shattering revelation that Iran lied or that it was pursuing a clandestine nuclear-weapons program — precisely why the West wanted to negotiate curbs on that program.

Maybe this secret cache will indeed reveal things we didn't know about Iran's nuclear activities. The value of this intelligence coup, however, may be not so much the content of the material the Mossad obtained, but the fact that it obtained it at all.

For the Mossad's achievement was simply stupendous. The Iranian regime considered this material so important that it went to huge lengths to conceal it, moving it from location to location before storing it all in a shabby warehouse in Tehran.

The Mossad not only discovered it in February 2016, but managed to spirit virtually the whole lot away under the Iranians' nose. And it wasn't just a few documents, but virtually the entire nuclear archive — half a ton of paper and digital files.

How the Mossad did this remains necessarily a mystery. Reportedly no fewer than 100

operatives were involved.

And here's what is so important about this. The Iranians now know that, in obtaining this most closely guarded information, the Mossad penetrated the innermost sanctums of the Iranian security apparatus.

What's more, they did it in the most audacious way — by making off with the whole treasure trove. This is surely the reason for Netanyahu's pyrotechnical display.

The regime knew last January that the archive had been stolen; reportedly, it has been arresting people as a result. Netanyahu's presentation was designed to publicly humiliate Tehran and throw it into chaos by demonstrating to both the Iranian people and the world that Israel compromised the whole nuclear project and quite possibly the rest of the regime's activities too.

If the Mossad could pull this off, the regime must now be asking itself, how many others might be working clandestinely or maybe even unknowingly for Israel from the inside? Just how many traitors are there and how high up do they go?

This is likely to induce demoralizing paranoia and panic in the regime. After all, it has expended so much energy hiding its nuclear program, burying it deep inside mountains, hooking gullible Europeans (and the Obama administration) through guile and duplicity, and concealing the records. Yet suddenly it finds its security betrayed from within and to an extent which is unknowable.

Precisely such demoralization helped

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Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu presents thousands of documents on the Iranian nuclear program, April 30, 2018. Photo: Amos Ben Gershom / Government Press Office.

World News.

US Urges Post-Election Lebanon to Keep Policy of Staying Out of Foreign Wars

BY REUTERS
& ALGEMEINER STAFF

The US Embassy in Beirut on Tuesday urged all parties in Lebanon to uphold the country's policy of disassociation from foreign conflicts, as they looked ahead to the formation of a new government after parliamentary elections on Sunday.

"We urge all parties to uphold Lebanon's international obligations, including those contained in UN Security Council Resolutions 1559 and 1701," it said in a statement.

The resolutions relate to the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon and the disarmament of all militias including Hezbollah.



Lebanese Prime Minister Saad Hariri. Photo: Reuters / Mohamed Azakir.

Parties allied with the heavily-armed Shi'ite Hezbollah group, which has previously fought wars with Israel, won more than half the seats in the election.

Forthcoming Iraqi Election Will Strengthen 'Resistance' Against Israel, Claims Iranian Official

BY BEN COHEN

The Iranian regime has hailed Hezbollah's victory in last Sunday's Lebanese elections, predicting at the same time that Tehran's allies will similarly triumph in the upcoming elections in Iraq on May 12.

Ali Akbar Velayati — the top adviser to Iran's "supreme leader," Ayatollah Ali Khamenei — on Tuesday congratulated Hezbollah on its "great victory" in the elections. Velayati praised the Shi'a terrorist organization's secretary-general, Hassan Nasrallah, for having "led the people to the victory...despite the Saudis and Zionists' enormous efforts to derail the elections."

According to the pro-Hezbollah AhlulBayt news agency, Velayati claimed that Hezbollah's victory would strengthen the region's "resistance movement" against Israel. "He touched upon the next week's election in Iraq, saying that the Resistance Front will once again show its power to its enemies following the victories in the two elections," the news agency reported.

Parliamentary candidates aligned with Hezbollah and its political allies punished Lebanese Prime Minister Sa'ad Hariri's pro-western Future Movement on Sunday, with the ruling bloc losing one-third of its seats

in the 128-seat legislature. Hariri is likely to be asked to form the next government, which will compel him to make serious concessions to Hezbollah's demands.

Turnout in the election — the first since 2009 — was strikingly low, with just 49.2 percent of the country's 3.6 million electors casting their ballots.

Hezbollah's political gains in Lebanon come at a time of heightened tension between Israel and Iran in Syria, as well as growing speculation on the future direction of US policy toward Iran, as President Donald Trump exits the nuclear deal of 2015.



Deputy Hezbollah leader Naim Qassem (L) alongside leading Iranian regime adviser Ali Akbar Velayati (R) at a conference in Beirut in 2016. Photo: Reuters / Aziz Taher.

dramatic gains by Hezbollah-allied candidates in the 128-seat parliament.

Ghaddar noted that while Hezbollah had been the dominant force in previous Lebanese governments, there was one key difference with Sunday's poll. "In the past, Hezbollah had to make military threats" to ensure that its will was carried out, she said. "Today, they have the state institutions."

The results had graphically demon-

Israeli Defense Chief Says IDF Prepared for 'Any Scenario'



An IDF soldier looks into southern Syria from the Israeli side of the border. Photo: IDF via Wikimedia Commons.

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Amid heightened tensions with Iran, Israel's defense minister emphasized on Monday that the IDF was prepared for "any scenario."

"We have no interest in escalation, but we're ready...that's our job," Avigdor Lieberman said at a Yisrael Beiteinu faction meeting, a day after Israeli media outlets — citing defense officials — reported on an Iranian plan to launch a missile strike on IDF targets in northern Israel.

strated the widespread skepticism in Lebanon regarding the effectiveness of electoral contests, Ghaddar noted, during a decade that has witnessed the influx of more than one million refugees from the war in Syria alongside economic stagnation. "People do not believe that voting and elections are tools for change," she said.

Ghaddar emphasized that a critical factor enabling Hezbollah's election victory was the strikingly low turnout. Just 49.2 percent of Lebanon's 3.6 million eligible voters turned up at the polls — the last elections, in 2009, drew 54 percent.

Sunday's results will still permit Hariri to form a government, but he will be compelled to make a number of concessions to Hezbollah — historically, his avowed enemy — in the process, Ghaddar said. The vote in Beirut was notably "a big defeat for Hariri," she continued, with Hezbollah underlining its triumph in the Lebanese capital by placing its flag on the memorial statue to Rafik Hariri — Sa'ad's father, who was assassinated in a terrorist car bombing in 2005.

Pessimism about the outlook for political change has been compounded by the realization among many Lebanese "that nothing is going to change internally because everything depends on regional dynamics," Ghaddar said.

With Hezbollah's political strategy based on "eliminating serious resistance" at the same time as "co-opting" leading non-Shia politicians like Hariri, the Sunni prime minister, and Michel Aoun, Lebanon's Christian president, Ghaddar forecast that Lebanon's "military and judicial institutions is where they will now be exerting their power."

"There is no place for hysteria or panic," Lieberman noted. "Yes, there is a complex situation with many challenges and threats, and we'll know how to deal with all the threats and handle all the challenges."

The Tehran regime blamed Israel for an April 9 air strike in Syria in which seven members of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) were killed and vowed retaliation.

On Monday, Israeli Energy Minister Yuval Steinitz, of the ruling Likud party, warned that Israel could topple the regime of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad in response to any Iranian attack on it from Syria.

"They will form a government that looks the same, but Hezbollah will be in control at the core," Ghaddar stated. "Today's Sa'ad Hariri is not the Hariri who became PM in 2009."

In such an environment, Hezbollah can easily deflect any opposition to its military maneuvers that might come from within the Lebanese armed forces. "Hezbollah already controls decision making in the army, but there is no one to challenge them anymore," Ghaddar observed.

Iran's escalation of its war against Israel through Syria will inevitably be intensified through Lebanon as well, Ghaddar said, but not immediately.

"Lebanon is now very easy ground for them to attack or retaliate against Israel, and they want to, but they are not ready today," Ghaddar said. "Today, the Israeli air strikes are hurting Iran in Lebanon, but as long as those strikes don't jeopardize their achievements, they will let it go."

Those Iranian "achievements," Ghaddar explained, are the consolidation of Hezbollah's power in Lebanon and that of Syrian dictator Bashar al-Assad in Damascus, as well as an "uninterrupted land bridge" stretching from Iran's borders through Syria.

The Iranians will continue to play for time until they are no longer convinced that any strike on Israel will lead to a war they will lose, Ghaddar said. "When the Iranians have finally consolidated power in Syria, Lebanon and in Iraq, which has parliamentary elections on May 12, when they have a strong presence on the border with Israel, and when they have precision-guided missiles in place — then they will be ready," she warned.

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Hezbollah Wins

nize her victory in the capital's District 1 was hurriedly rescinded.

Ghaddar — a former managing editor of the independent news outlet *NOW Lebanon*, as well as a correspondent for leading newspapers including *An-Nahar* and *Al-Hayat* — presented a bleak portrait of Lebanon's immediate future following the

World News.



Livka Shefer. Photo: IDF.

Remains of Missing Israeli Female Soldier From 1948 War of Independence Identified

BY JNS.org

The remains of Private Livka Shefer, who fell during Israel's 1948 War of Independence battles near Kibbutz Yad Mordechai, were finally found after an extensive army investigation, according to the IDF Spokesperson's Unit on Sunday.

The investigation was headed by the IDF's Missing In Action Accounting Unit, a section of the Casualty and Wounded Soldiers Department.

During an Egyptian attack involving enemy bombings and infantry invasion, Shefer served as a liaison between Israeli

defensive positions and was killed overnight on May 24, 1948 while trying to evacuate a wounded soldier. She was 34 years old at the time of her death.

Shefer was born in Poland in 1914 and made *aliyah* in 1939, joining the group that ended up founding Yad Mordechai and defended the kibbutz in 1948.

Up until now, Shefer was the only female Israeli-soldier casualty whose burial was unaccounted for. A cenotaph in her memory was erected at Yad Mordechai's military cemetery.

A tombstone unveiling will take place in a few weeks where Shefer's name will be added to the mass grave at Kibbutz Nitanim, where her remains were found.

Flavor-Maker Frutarom Sold in Second-Largest 'Exit' in Israeli History

BY JNS.org

In the second largest sale, or "exit," of an Israeli company to date, the American firm International Flavors & Fragrances Inc. (IFF) is acquiring Israeli flavor and ingredient producer Frutarom in a deal worth approximately \$7.1 billion.

Only one deal in Israel's history surpasses the Frutarom exit—the sale of Israel's Mobileye, makers of vision-based advanced driver-assistance systems, for \$15.3 billion in 2017.

Frutarom, based in the coastal city of Haifa, primarily develops and manufactures natural food, flavor, fragrance, pharmaceutical and cosmetic ingredients. It currently employs 2,700 employees around the world and sells more than 70,000 products to 30,000-plus clients in more than 150 countries.

The company anticipates topping \$1.6

billion in sales in 2018, with that number expected to increase to \$2.25 billion by 2020.

"We have long admired Frutarom, and have a great deal of respect for its team and all of its dedicated and talented employees around the globe," said IFF Chairman and CEO Andreas Fibig. "We look forward to welcoming Frutarom to the IFF family."

Frutarom shareholders will each receive cash and shares of IFF common stock valued at \$106.25 per share. IFF said it intends to maintain an operating base in Israel, but the headquarters will remain in New York.

"Today marks the culmination of a decades-long vision to become a global leader in taste and health," said Ori Yehudai, president and CEO of Frutarom. "Frutarom and IFF are committed to maintaining a presence in Israel, and I look forward to working with Andreas and the team to ensure a seamless integration of these two terrific companies."

its ballistic missile program and support for terrorist groups across the Middle East. "We cannot prevent an Iranian nuclear bomb under the decaying and rotten structure of current agreement," he asserted.

"If the Iranian regime continues its nuclear aspirations, it will have bigger problems than it has ever had before," Trump warned.

Following Trump's announcement, a

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Exit

supposed to protect the US and our allies from the lunacy of an Iranian nuclear bomb."

Instead, he continued, the deal allowed Iran to continue enriching uranium to "the brink of nuclear breakout." Trump added that "crippling" economic sanctions had been lifted in exchange for "very weak" limits on Iran's nuclear activities, and none at all on

Women's March Leader Blames Muslim Ban, Mexican Wall Proposals on Netanyahu

BY JNS.org

One of the leaders of the Women's March movement, Tamika Mallory, blamed US President Donald Trump's proposal to ban travel for Muslims into America and to build a wall along the Mexican border on Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

"Be clear: Donald Trump's wall + #muslimban + #deportation plan are all lines out of the #Netanyahu book of oppression. Trump has referenced this himself. We ought pay attention & not allow folks to label us + try to black list us in to silence. #JusticeDelegation (more 2 come)," she said in a tweet.

Mallory cited a *Jerusalem Post* article from August 2017 that mentioned a call between Trump and Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto where Trump mentioned Israel's security barrier.

The controversial tweet followed a tour by Mallory of Israel and the disputed territories sponsored by the US-based Center for Constitutional Rights.

According to the CCR, the tour brought "mostly black and brown civil and human-rights leaders" to "provide an opportunity to better understand the human-rights situation in Israel and Palestine, including the history of systematic displacement and institutional

senior White House official confirmed that the US was now "out" of the deal. "The decision that the president signed immediately puts sanctions back in place that existed at the time of the deal," the official said. The official added that the Treasury Department would shortly announce "wind-down provisions" for those companies with existing contracts in Iran.

Trump did hold out the prospect of a negotiated solution with the Iranian regime, pointing to US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo's arrival in North Korea on Tuesday to prepare for the president's upcoming summit with Kim Jong-un. Iran would want to make "a new, lasting deal," Trump predicted. "When they do, I am ready, willing and able."

Trump said that as "we exit the Iran deal, we will be working with our allies to find a real comprehensive and lasting solution to the Iranian nuclear threat." According to the White House official who briefed journalists after the president's statement, US policy will now focus "on a much broader resolution of the malign behavior we have seen from Iran." In that regard, the official said, consultations with key US allies including France, Germany and the UK on the aftermath of the US exit would "resume early on Wednesday morning."

Trump made special mention of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's unveiling last week of a secret trove of Iranian nuclear intelligence captured by Israel. Trump said the archive of documents in Israel's possession proved that the 2015 deal was based on the "fiction" that Iran intended to pursue a civilian nuclear program only. In a statement released following Trump's announcement, Netanyahu said that "Israel fully supports President Trump's bold decision today to reject the disastrous nuclear deal with the terrorist regime in Tehran."

"As we exposed last week, since the deal, Iran intensified its efforts to hide its secret nuclear weapons program," Netanyahu said.

Trump strongly criticized the sunset



Tamika Mallory, co-president of the Women's March, posing with Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan. Photo: Instagram Screenshot.

racism, as well as the work of human-rights defenders there."

Among the sites Mallory visited included Hebron, Bethlehem and Jerusalem. She tweeted that: "Unpacking my mind ... my trip to the Israel & Palestine was schizophrenic. The land is beautiful ... the people are full of love & resilience. However, there is a crime against humanity happening and we can not turn a blind eye or be afraid to tell the truth. #JusticeDelegation +"

Mallory, who gained fame last year as one of the organizers of the Women's March held in January following Trump's inauguration, has been criticized for her support of Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan, a known antisemite, as well as more recently for criticizing Starbucks' inclusion of the Anti-Defamation League in its anti-racial-bias training.

clauses in the 2015 deal that will lift all nuclear restrictions on Iran by 2030, arguing that continued US backing for the JCPOA would merely accelerate the path to a regional conflict. "If I allowed this deal to stand, there would soon be a nuclear arms race in the Middle East," Trump remarked. "Everyone would want their weapons ready by the time Iran had theirs."

Saudi Arabia's crown prince has spoken openly in recent weeks of Riyadh seeking nuclear weapons in the event that Iran, its arch-rival, is not restrained. "Saudi Arabia does not want to acquire any nuclear bomb, but without a doubt, if Iran developed a nuclear bomb, we will follow suit as soon as possible," Crown Prince Mohammad Bin Salman told CBS News in March.

Trump was also careful to stress American support for Iran's people, who had suffered for "nearly 40 years since this dictatorship seized power."

"The future of Iran belongs to its people," Trump said. "There has been enough suffering, death and destruction — let it end now." A subsequent statement from the White House Press Secretary stressed that in addition to "never developing a nuclear weapon," Trump expected the Iranian leadership to end "its publicly declared quest to destroy Israel" as well as its "grievous human rights abuses."

Iran's President, Hassan Rouhani, confirmed on Tuesday that Iran would remain within the JCPOA, saying that Trump "has a history of undermining international treaties."

Meanwhile, British Prime Minister Theresa May, German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Emmanuel Macron reiterated their "continuing commitment" to the deal in a joint statement.

"We encourage Iran to show restraint in response to the decision by the US; Iran must continue to meet its own obligations under the deal, co-operating fully and in a timely manner," the statement from the three European leaders said.

U.S. News.

SJP at Stony Brook University Vows to 'Eradicate' Zionism

BY SHIRI MOSHE

A student group at Stony Brook University in New York compared Zionists to "Nazis, white nationalists, and KKK members" on Wednesday, following an outcry over its targeting of a Jewish club on campus.

Stony Brook's Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) chapter first came under scrutiny after one of its members, Rakia Syed, told The Statesman student newspaper in April that SJP wants "Hillel off this campus."

"What we want is a proper Jewish organization that allows Jews to express their faith, have sabbath — everything like that, that are not Zionists, that doesn't support Israel," Syed said.

The comment drew criticism from Stony Brook University Interfaith Center, which denounced SJP's comment in a letter co-signed by Hillel and various student clubs, including the Catholic Campus Ministry, Protestant Campus Ministry, Islamic Society, and Muslim Student Association (MSA).

"Such a statement is not only offensive but in direct opposition to the basic principles of respect and diversity that are the cornerstone of our University community," the letter read. "This is not about the political cause of Students for Justice in Palestine, but about their attempt to undermine the identity of Jewish students and dictate to them how to observe their faith and express their cultural and national identity as they see fit."

SJP responded to the criticism by describing Zionism — the movement for Jewish national self-determination — as "a disgusting political ideology."

"We, as members of SJP, know the difference between Zionism and Judaism," the group wrote on social media. "Judaism is a beautiful religion, and we value our Jewish allies, like Jewish Voice for Peace." Hillel, in contrast, "is a Zionist organization," it added.

"We will always stand against any Zionist group, and to eradicate this practice, just like any other form of racism, we will fight against it," SJP promised. "If MSA held programs in favor of ISIS, we would be the first ones to protest them."

"[If] there were Nazis, white nationalists, and KKK members on campus, would their identity have to be accepted and respected? Absolutely not," the student club continued. "Then why would we respect the views of Zionists?"

SJP said it was "disheartening to see both Islamic Society and MSA cosigning on this message," and then took aim at Sanaa Nadim, Stony Brook's Muslim chaplain.

ADL Report on Twitter Antisemitism Reveals Surge of Hatred

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Harvey Weinstein as the archetypal "Jewish" sexual predator, use of the term "Zionist" as a code for the word "Jew," and a continuing obsession with the financial power of the Rothschild dynasty were among the recurrent antisemitic themes on Twitter during 2017, a new report by the Anti-Defamation League revealed on Monday.

Research by the ADL's Center on Extremism found that at least 4.2 million antisemitic tweets were shared or re-shared in English on Twitter over the 12-month period ending January 28, 2018. Those 4.2 million tweets were sent from an estimated three million Twitter handles.

"This new data shows that even with the steps Twitter has taken to remove hate speech and to deal with those accounts disseminating it, users are still spreading a shocking amount of antisemitism and using Twitter as a megaphone to harass and intimidate Jews," said ADL CEO Jonathan A. Greenblatt.

The report argues that subject matter experts are crucial to accurately defining antisemitism and gauging user sentiment. "Algorithms and artificial intelligence will be key to identifying hate online, but human experts are needed to define the problem and, at least in the initial stages, to help the systems assess sentiment and eliminate false positives," Greenblatt said.

Greenblatt added that he hoped "this report will create a renewed sense of urgency among all social media providers that this problem is not going away and that they need to find innovative new ways to tamp down the spread of hatred online."

"You have reached a heinous level of betrayal to the Palestinian people by working with and aiding Zionists on their endeavors," the group charged. "For 3 years we have been on this campus, you have not only helped Hillel normalize their Zionist agenda, but also suppressed your own Muslim students from speaking out against the state which has killed our Palestinian brothers and sisters."

"You have continually harassed our members and slandered our organization with claims of terrorism," SJP claimed. "We will work tirelessly to ensure that Stony Brook University's MSA has a chaplain that properly represents the Palestinian liberation movement."

Nadim — who was acknowledged by President Barack Obama in 2012 as "one of the first Muslim chaplains at an American college" and "a voice for interfaith dialogue" —

rejected these accusations.

"There's so many things that I have done to support the Palestinian people and bring their plight and bring their story to light," she told The Statesman, noting fundraising work she did on behalf of Palestinian refugees. "But all my life I have always learned that hate is never a component of peace and never creates a platform for a productive solution."

SJP "should use the good energy and the opportunities that we have on campus to create a unified climate that can work on bringing the attention to a resolution for an independent Palestine," she continued. "We as a people cannot create an agenda of hate or alienation, dictating to our fellow colleagues on campus what to believe in and how they should go about observing their religious convictions."

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Opinion.

American Shame and the Iran Nuclear Deal

SHMULEY BOTEACH
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I grew up in 1970s and '80s America. It was a time inspired by soaring declarations of America as a guarantor of liberty and guardian of freedom — best captured in JFK's unforgettable inaugural address: "Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty."

Kennedy's declaration was not only followed by Reagan's declaration of the Soviet Union as an evil empire, but even led Jimmy Carter to withdraw from the Moscow Olympics in protest of the Russian invasion of Afghanistan. The theme of America as a guarantor of liberty was echoed by George H.W. Bush's invasion of Iraq to liberate Kuwait and by his son's to unseat a dictator from power.

We can debate the pros and cons of these presidential actions. But what cannot be disputed was the image of America as the great citadel of liberty.

Then came President Obama and the Iran nuclear deal.

In my opinion, few things have shamed America more.

The Iran agreement betrayed America's

core values by emboldening a regime that was guilty of the full trifecta of being the world's foremost sponsor of terrorism, a brutal oppressor of its own people, and aiding and abetting genocide in Syria — all while promising a genocide of Israeli Jews.

It's now clear just how disastrous the nuclear deal was. Iran has not moderated its behavior in the slightest and has in fact become much more belligerent. It is an active collaborator with the deployment of poison gas against children in Douma and Aleppo. It is fomenting unrest and civil war in Yemen and Lebanon, and destabilizing the entire Middle East.

In short, President Obama's deal provoked the opposite to what he promised. Iran has gone more rogue not less.

It gives me no comfort to attack the government of a country where my ancestors lived for generations. My father is from Isfahan, and Iranian culture, food, and music is central to his life to this day. I would have never believed that a nation that harbored a Jewish community for millennia would foster a regime that is arguably the most antisemitic since Nazi Germany.

The Khamenei regime is a blight on Persian history and on decency itself. It's sickening to see a government comprised of vile men who feel no shame for threatening a nation that had a Holocaust just 70 years ago with another one today. Is this really what Iran has come to?

But while we often focus on what the Khamenei regime says about Iran, we don't

focus enough on what Obama's deal says about America.

Since when does America make deals with governments that regularly threaten to annihilate a persecuted ethnic minority? Since when does America pay billions to regimes that slaughter their own people and bully their neighbors?

I lost many friends over the Iran nuclear agreement, and was surprised by senators and congressman who I respected supporting the deal. Seeing Iran's murderous behavior, especially in Syria — where so many innocent Muslims have been slaughtered and gassed to death — I wonder how those lawmakers feel today.

Now President Trump has the chance to kill the Iran deal once and for all. It would be a historic event should he choose to do so.

Obama was a moral man with an amoral foreign policy. He turned a blind eye to repeated threats of genocide against Israel and even sent plane loads of cash to the mullahs, knowing full well that some of that untraceable money would be used to murder innocents. Obama also chose to do nothing in Syria.

President Trump, by contrast, is accused by all his critics of having an amoral personal life. I wonder if those same critics acknowledge moral results that have come from his foreign policy.

Trump has twice attacked Assad for gassing Arab children. Ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley has worked to reverse decades of anti-Israel and antisemitic behavior at the UN. The Trump administration has taken a harder line on Palestinian terror and violence.

Iranian President Hassan Rouhani attending Army Day ceremonies in Tehran on April 18.
Photo: Tasnim News Agency via Reuters.

Now it falls to President Trump to continue with a moral foreign policy by killing the Iran nuclear agreement. The deal was a farce to begin with. Iran never needed a nuclear program for domestic energy or scientific purposes.

That President Obama and John Kerry — whose legacies have been marred by Syria and Iran — could not see this clearly speaks to how badly their administration needed a single great foreign policy success and what they would do to achieve it.

The Iran nuclear agreement is immoral and dangerous. It rewards a genocidal regime with billions of dollars, much of which will go to further foment Middle East mayhem. Its sunset provisions allow an ideological and expansionist regime to build nuclear weapons in about a decade. And ultimately the deal legitimizes a vile regime that stones women to death, hangs homosexuals, shoots its citizens in the streets, and exports terror.

It's time to end the Iran nuclear deal.

Rabbi Shmuley Boteach, "America's Rabbi," has just published his newest book, *Lust for Love: Rekindling Passion and Intimacy in Your Relationship*, co-authored with Pamela Anderson and published by Hachette.

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The Mossad

bring down the IRA as a terrorist force in Northern Ireland.

The IRA was not only beaten into a stalemate by the British army, but even more importantly, it realized that it had been infiltrated from top to bottom by British intelligence. Paralyzed by the resulting inability to trust each other, its leaders put down their weapons and entered democratic politics instead.

Iran's public humiliation by Netanyahu has a further important function. Because of its advances in Lebanon, Syria, and Iraq, Iran has been viewed by the Arab world as the strongest horse in the region. And the Arab world always gravitates towards the strongest horse.

Iran constantly boasts that it is about to wipe Israel off the map, that Israel has only a short time left to survive, and that Israel is powerless. Yet Israel has now stolen its most closely guarded secrets and compromised the entire regime.

Moreover, the document store was hidden under the watch of the Revolutionary Guards' intelligence organization. The Revolutionary Guards have hitherto enjoyed a fearsome reputation; they are the regime's guarantor of survival. Now their mystique has been shattered.

At a stroke, the impression of Iranian invincibility has been destroyed. The entire region will be taking note. So will other actors making mischief, such as Russia. The message is that it's not Iran, but its putative victim Israel where the power really lies.

Israel has been showing this recently in other ways too. In February, it bombed

Iranian facilities in Syria involved in sending an armed drone across the Israeli border. Last month, it bombed two Iran-linked bases inside Syria, causing massive explosions and killing dozens of Iranian and Syrian fighters.

Iran may now retaliate in its customary murderous fashion. It may use its Hamas clients to mount even more determined and violent attacks to breach the Gaza border with Israel. Many commentators now predict all-out war is likely.

Yet despite its genocidal intentions against Israel and its ferocious terrorist infrastructure, Iran is weak and getting weaker. Its economy is a basket case, and — all but unreported in the West — people have been continuing to protest against the regime.

The people have the power to bring the regime down. In order to continue to risk their lives, however, such protesters have to believe that victory is achievable.

By strengthening Iran so unforgivably over the past few years, the West effectively abandoned the Iranian people. The blow struck by the Mossad may do more than signal a new and more muscular phase in Israel's defense. It may also help empower the Iranian people to bring down the regime themselves.

Melanie Phillips, a British journalist, broadcaster, and author, writes a column for *JNS* every two weeks. Currently a columnist for *The Times of London*, her personal and political memoir *Guardian Angel* has been published by *Bombardier*, which also published her first novel, *The Legacy*, released in April. Her work can be found at her website www.melaniephillips.com.

weapons versus a situation in which you have incontrovertible evidence that Iran is determined to become a nuclear power.

Take, for example, the whole question

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We Are

Nowhere is this clearer than in parshat Behar, where it becomes the basis of legislation about land ownership and slavery. Jewish law rests on the principle that *only God owns anything*. What we possess, we do not own but merely hold in trust. That is why the concept of *tzedeq/tzedakah* is untranslatable into English, because it means both justice and charity. In English, justice and charity are radically different. We do justice because we *must*; we give charity because we *may*. If I give you £1,000 because I owe it to you, that is justice. If I give you the same amount because I owe you nothing but I think you need it, that is charity. An act may be one or the other but not both.

In Judaism, by contrast, what we possess is not ours. It belongs to God. He has merely placed it in our safekeeping. We are looking after it on behalf of God. One of the conditions of that trust is that if we have more than we need, we should share it with those who have less than they need. That is *tzedakah*: justice and charity combined.

That was how Maurice and Vivienne Wohl lived their lives. God had given Maurice success, and he knew that the wealth he had accumulated was not really his at all. God had given it to him to look after, trusting that he would use it wisely to enhance the lives of others. Maurice, though, was honest enough to

of whether you need a truly robust system of verification that would include undeclared nuclear sites. There is also the question of ballistic-missile restrictions.

The United Nations put such limitations on the missile arsenal of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein after the first Gulf War with Resolution 687. But in the case of Iran, the P5+1 countries settled for "verification-lite" and did not restrict ballistic missiles in any

realise that he was probably better at making money than giving it away, and that if he did not give it away to people and causes that needed it, he was failing in his duty to God and his fellow humans. That is why, when he met Vivienne and saw how sensitively she understood the needs of others and how willing she was to make sacrifices for them, he knew he had to marry her. So, throughout their almost 40 years together, they used the blessings God had given them to bring blessings into other people's lives. It was a privilege to know them.

The larger truth of Parshat Behar is that you cannot create a just society by political measures alone (debt remission, restoration of ancestral property and so on). There are psychological and theological dimensions that are also vital.

But at a simple personal level, it contains a genuinely life-changing idea. Think of what you possess not as something you own but as something you hold in trust for the benefit, not only of you and your family, but also of others. In life, ask not, "what can I gain?" But "what can I give?" You will travel more lightly and with greater joy. You will enhance the lives of others. You will feel that your life has been worthwhile. Hardly any of us can give on the scale of a Maurice or Vivienne Wohl, but when it comes to giving, scale does not matter. Be a blessing to others and you will find that life has been a blessing to you.

way. A different approach is needed.

For this reason, the the nuclear deal must be completely revamped or scrapped. This is not a case of "trust but verify," the adage used by former US president Ronald Reagan. It is a case of don't trust and then verify with the most intrusive means you have.

Dore Gold is Israel's former ambassador to the United Nations and director-general of the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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negotiations with a state like Iran if you assume it has no intention of building nuclear

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Impressions.

Salt Lake Tribune Publishes Anti-semitic Op-ed

BY ELDER OF ZION

An op-ed in *The Salt Lake Tribune* by a Michael S. Robinson crosses the line into direct antisemitism:

Well folks, we don't have to worry about Freddy Krueger or Chucky. We have our own real monsters to deal with. Whether it's a passive complicity or active participation, our country is partnered with one of the worst human-rights violators in our world.

Saying that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is one of the worst human rights violators in the world is absurd — but not antisemitic. Comparing him to Hollywood monsters is insane — but not antisemitic.

This, however, is antisemitic:

Can the power of the U.S. Jewish lobby really be so strong that we are blinded to Israel's atrocities? Aside from the votes that are paid for by that lobby, there seems to be a mindless philosophy that, because the Jews have historically suffered so much, we must never criticize them. Even Dr. Spock would frown on this type of parenting. It doesn't make a naughty child any better when parents decline all discipline, just because little Suzie had a nasty owie two weeks ago.

Yes, Robinson is comparing the Holocaust to "little



The marquis of The Salt Lake Tribune building in Salt Lake City. Photo: Cool Hand Luke / Wikimedia.

Suzie's nasty owie two weeks ago." That is antisemitic.

He goes on:

Oh, yes, the Jews know all about concentration camps, but they seem unable to muster any human compassion for the suffering of their neighbors. Instead of a normal and healthy outgrowth of empathy, Israel has instead become the monster.

The "Jews are acting like Nazis" meme is a modern blood libel.

I wrote a response, although I concentrated more on Robinson's lies than his obvious problem with Jews:

Already at the beginning of this absurd article, we see how ignorant and hateful the author is.

Netanyahu is "one of the worst human-rights violators in our world"? Really? Even if you believe every single lie about Israel in this article — and rest assured, there are dozens of them — the number of people killed or injured or displaced by Israel in 70 years is minuscule compared to its Arab neighbors, let alone Russia or Iran or Rwanda or even the US.

In fact, Arabs have killed more PALESTINIANS than Israel has (Black September 1970, Syria now, Lebanon over years of civil wars). Kuwait expelled hundreds of thousands of Palestinians for supporting Saddam [Hussein]. Arab countries refuse to give Palestinians citizenship, forcing them to remain stateless, no matter how many generations live in their borders.

The list goes on and on — and that's just Palestin-

Unfounded and Unrestrained: Norman Finkelstein at NYU

BY BOBBY MILLER

On Thursday, April 26, the NYU Politics Department hosted an event titled "Norman Finkelstein at NYU on the Urgent Situation in Gaza."

Finkelstein, a man who has referred to Nobel Laureate and Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel as the "clown of the Holocaust" is a well-known political scientist and frequent critic of the Jewish state.

At the event, cosponsored by radical organizations Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP) and Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP), Finkelstein unleashed a barrage of verbal attacks and slanders against the IDF. He particularly criticized Israel's actions since the start of the 2018 Gaza border protests, otherwise known as the "Great March of Return."

Finkelstein argued that Hamas is not dangerous in spite of the fact that the Islamist group has killed thousands of innocent civilians and is regarded as a terrorist organization by both the United States and the European Union.

Finkelstein maintained that Hamas is merely a weak extremist group and that Israel exaggerates its capabilities in order to justify its actions in Gaza. Furthermore, Finkelstein questioned why Israel did not destroy Hamas' rockets preemptively in previous operations if it knew the full extent of Hamas' capabilities, despite the fact that numerous human rights reports have noted that Hamas uses women and children as human shields to protect the rockets, by embedding them, along with its terror tunnels, in civilian areas.

Finkelstein's vitriolic diatribe concluded with his assertion that Israel has "no right to use any force" against the hordes of violent Palestinian demonstrators trying to breach its border with Gaza and no right to defend its own sovereignty, a right that every nation-state on earth maintains.

Finkelstein then ventured into antisemitic territory, when he used Nazi imagery to describe Israeli policy, comparing Gaza to a "concentration camp." Finkelstein continued by calling Israeli soldiers "assassins picking off children" and claimed, without providing a shred of substantiating evidence, that Israel is "poisoning kids."

It is unfortunate that an institution like the Wilf Family Department of Politics at NYU, which prides

itself on giving "students the skills needed to reach a deeper analytical understanding of political events that is grounded in logic and evidence" would host such an inflammatory speaker, exacerbating existing hostility toward pro-Israel students.

This is especially true in light of recent developments on NYU's campus.

On Friday, April 27, two protesters were arrested at a "rave" organized by the two Zionist clubs on campus, Realize Israel and TorchPAC, in honor of Israel's 70th birthday. The event was held in Washington Square Park.

One of the anti-Israel students who was detained was arrested for burning an Israeli flag. He faced charges of second-degree reckless endanger-



The New York University campus. Photo: Cincin12 via Wikimedia Commons.

ment and resisting arrest. The other student taken into custody faced charges of disorderly conduct, robbery in the second degree, assault in the third degree, and criminal mischief in the third degree. They were both ultimately released without bail.

The goal of these activists is to "make being Zionist uncomfortable on the NYU campus" according to NYU SJP President Khalid Abu Dawas. This brazen attack on free speech seemed to be sanctioned by the politics department when it decided to provide Finkelstein a platform for his elongated harangue without a pro-Israel speaker to counter the claims being made. One can only hope that such incendiary and fictitious rhetoric will not be given a platform by the NYU administration without proper contextualization in the future.

Bobby Miller is a CAMERA Fellow.

ians, not other Arab on Arab violence.

When you actually look at things objectively, Israel has a better human rights record than any country you can name when at war. A higher percentage of those killed by Israel are militant (vs. civilian) than in nearly every war in history. Israel works harder than any nation in history — including Great Britain and the US today — to minimize civilian casualties. I have the facts to back this up.

But Robinson isn't interested in facts. No, he

wants to compare the murder of six million Jews to "an owie that little Suzie got two weeks ago." He wants to say that the only people who support a liberal, progressive nation are "the powerful Jewish lobby." He freely admits he hates Israel. He doesn't seem to have the same hate for suicide bombers, rocket launchers, or bus bombers. I wonder why.

Elder of Zion has been blogging about Israel and the Arab world for a really long time now. He also controls the world, but deep down, you already knew that.

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Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC). Name: ELIANISE J-L, LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 04/05/2018. Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to: ELIANISE J-L,LLC 104 Vanderveer Street Brooklyn, NY 11207. Purpose: all lawful activity

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PROBATE CITATION File No. 2017-1212 SURROGATE'S COURT - QUEENS COUNTY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent To: Egford Nugent; and to the heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of VERONA BROWN, deceased, if living and if any of them be dead, to their heirs at law next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees, and successors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence. A petition having been duly filed by NORMA HOGG and CARLA McCARTHY, who is domiciled at 3024 Matthews Avenue, Bronx, NY 10467 and 113-64 Springfield Boulevard, Queens Village, NY 11429. respectively. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, QUEENS County, at 88-11 Sutphin Blvd Rm 62 Jamaica , New York, on July 5 2018, at 9:30 o'clock in the Fore noon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of VERONA BROWN lately domiciled at 134-34 229th Street, Laurelton, New York admitting to probate a Will dated October 31 2008 (a Codicil dated "-NONE") a copy of which is attached, as the Will of. VERONA BROWN deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that [X] Letters Testamentary issue to: NORMA HOGG and CARLA McCARTHY. Dated Attested and Sealed April 27 2018 HON. PETER J. KELLY, Surrogate, James Lim Becker, Chief Clerk. Seidia R Bernard, Esq. ROACH BERNARD, PLLC, 175 North Central Avenue, Suite 200, Valley Stream, NY 11580 [NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you.]

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS ONEWEST BANK, FSB, Plaintiff AGAINST JAMES MASON, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 14, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on June 14, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1285 PARK PLACE, BROOKLYN, NY 11213. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 1365, LOT 74. Approximate amount of judgment \$666,838.45 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 501559/2013. Joel Eliot Abramson, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 53267

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Plaintiff AGAINST Ernest L. Spence; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March 3, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on June 14, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 602 Hegeman Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207. All that certain

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Tradition.

We Are What We Do Not Own



JONATHAN SACKS
LONDON

The late Maurice and Vivienne Wohl were one of the most remarkable couples I ever met. They were a study in contrasts. Maurice was quiet, introspective, reflective and reserved. Vivienne was outgoing and vivacious, a people person in the truest sense. They complemented one another perfectly: two halves of a whole.

What made them special, outwardly, was that they were givers



on a monumental scale. In Israel, for example, they donated the 19-acre rose garden next to the Knesset and the striking Daniel Libeskind-designed cultural centre at Bar Ilan University. They endowed medical facilities in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, as well as at King's College and University College, London. They supported Jewish schools in Britain and yeshivot in Israel – and all this hardly touches the surface of their philanthropy.

What was really moving, though, was how they became a couple in the first place, because Vivienne was thirty years younger than Maurice. When they met, Maurice was in his late forties, a dedicated businessman seemingly destined for a life of bachelorhood. Vivienne, not yet 20, was the daughter of friends of Maurice who had asked whether she could work for him during a vacation.

One day, Maurice offered to take her for lunch. On their way to the restaurant, they passed a beggar in the street. Maurice gave him a coin, and walked on. Vivienne stopped and asked Maurice if he would be kind enough to give her in advance a substantial sum – she named the figure – from this week's wages. Maurice handed over the money. She then walked back and gave it all to the beggar. "Why did you do that?" asked Maurice. "Because what you gave him was not enough to make a change to his life. He needed something more."

When the week came to an end, Maurice said to Vivienne, "I am not going to give you your full wages this week, because you gave away part of the money as a mitzvah

and I do not want to rob you of it." But it was then that he decided that he must marry her, because, as he told me shortly before he died, "Her heart was bigger than mine."

I tell this story because it illustrates a dimension of parshat Behar we often miss. Leviticus 25 deals with a problem that is as acute today as it was 33 centuries ago. It is about the inevitable inequalities that arise in every free market economy. Market economics is good at the creation of wealth but bad at its distribution. Whatever the starting point, inequalities emerge early on between the more and less successful, and they become more pronounced over time.

Economic inequality leads to inequality of power, and the result is often the abuse of the weak by the strong. This is a constant refrain of the prophets. Amos speaks of those who "sell the innocent for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes; who trample on the heads of the poor as on the dust of the ground, and deny justice to the oppressed" (Amos 2:6-7). Isaiah cries, "Woe to those who make unjust laws and issue oppressive decrees ... making widows their prey and robbing the fatherless" (Is. 10:1-2). Micah inveighs against people who "covet fields and seize them, houses and take them away; they oppress householder and house, people and their inheritance" (Micah 2:1-2).

This is a problem for almost every society and age. What makes the Torah distinctive is that it refuses a one-dimensional answer to what is a genuinely complex problem. Equality is a value, but so too is freedom. Communism and socialism have been tried and failed; but the free market generates its discontents also. One principle that can be inferred from Tanakh is that *the market was made to serve human beings; human beings were not made to serve the market*. The fundamental question is therefore: what best serves humanity under the sovereignty of God?

A careful reading of Behar reveals that the Torah's approach to this question operates at three completely different levels. One is *political*, a second is *psychological*, and the third is *theological*.

The first level is simple. Behar proposes two cycles of redistribution, Shemittah and Yovel, the seventh and fiftieth year. The intent here is to *restore a level playing field* through a combination of debt remission, liberation of slaves, and the return of ancestral land to its original owners. This is a way of redressing accumulated inequalities without constant intervention in the economy. That is the political dimension.

The psychological dimension is what the French revolutionaries called *fraternity*. Ten times the laws in Behar use the word "brother." "Do not wrong your brother." "If

your brother becomes poor." "The nearest redeemer shall come and redeem what his brother has sold." This is sound evolutionary logic. We know from the work of W. D. Hamilton and others on kin selection that the most basic driver of altruism is the family. We make sacrifices most readily for those most closely related to us.

That, in no small measure, is why from the beginning of the Jewish story to today, Jews have thought of themselves as a single family, descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel and Leah. It is one thing to legislate altruism, through such institutions as the seventh and fiftieth year. It is another to frame a society in such a way as to make people feel bound together in an unbreakable bond of shared responsibility. Hence the narratives of Genesis, focused overwhelmingly on the people of Israel not as a nation but as a family. Law and narrative here go hand in hand. Because the entire Jewish people is a single vastly extended family, *therefore* we must help when one of our brothers or sisters becomes destitute. This is ethnicity in the service of morality.

Finally, though, and most profoundly comes the theological dimension. For it is here, in Lev. 25, that we hear with unparalleled lucidity what I believe to be the single most fundamental principle of biblical law. Listen carefully to these two passages, the first about land, the second about Hebrew slaves:

The land shall not be sold in perpetuity, for the land is Mine: you are strangers and sojourners with me. (v.23)

If your brother becomes poor and sells himself to you, you shall not work him as a slave ... For they are My servants whom I brought out of the land of Egypt; they shall not be sold as slaves. You shall not rule over him ruthlessly but shall fear your God. (vv. 39-43)

The Torah is making a radical point. *There is no such thing as absolute ownership*. There is to be no freehold in the land of Israel because the land belongs ultimately to God. Nor may an Israelite own another Israelite because we all belong to God, and have done so ever since He brought our ancestors out of slavery in Egypt.

It is this principle that alone makes sense of the Torah's narrative of the creation of the universe. The Torah is not a book of science. It is a book of law. That is what the word "Torah" means. It follows that the opening chapter of the Torah is not a scientific account but a legal one. It is not an answer to the question, "How was the universe born?" It is an answer to a different question entirely: "By what right does God command human beings?" The answer is: because He created the universe. Therefore He owns the universe. Therefore He is entitled to lay down the conditions on which He permits us to inhabit the universe. This is the basis of all biblical law. God rules not by might but by right – the right of a creator vis-à-vis his creation.

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plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 4325 Lot 5. Approximate amount of judgment \$979,521.00 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 508760/2014. Steven Naiman, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: April 3, 2018 53286 AJ; 5/11/18/25; 6/1

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR PRETIUM MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. SERAFIN VASQUEZ, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on January 31, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on June 14, 2018 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 293 Powell Street, Brooklyn, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 3763 and Lot 111. Approximate amount of judgment is \$850,187.63 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 21054-13. Julie A. Clark, Esq., Referee Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Ste. 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff Cash will not be accepted. AJ; 5/11/18/25; 6/1

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS MTGLQ Investors, L.P., Plaintiff AGAINST Winston Rose; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated April 26, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on June 14, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 664 New Jersey Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block: 3840 Lot: 37. Approximate amount of judgment \$545,094.48 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 6131/2013. Stuart Adler, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: April 28, 2018 AJ; 5/11/18/25; 6/1

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS MTGLQ Investors, L.P., Plaintiff AGAINST Calvin Dillon; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 25, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on June 14, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 668 Riverdale Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County

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of Kings, City and State of NY, Block: 3842 Lot: 19. Approximate amount of judgment \$328,323.14 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 1131/2013. Steven Naiman, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: April 28, 2018 AJ; 5/11/18/25; 6/1

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR WELLS FARGO ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION, MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2007-AR9, Plaintiff-against- JOYCELIN DOVE, GLADSTONE DOVE, WARREN BLAKE, NATIONAL CITY BANK, CITY OF NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale entered on October 12, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at ROOM 224 F/K/A ROOM 274 OF KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11201 on June 14, 2018 at 2:30 PM premises known as 298 SCHENCK AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11207. ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Block: 3995 Lot: 23 Approximate amount of lien \$690,841.78 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 509904/2014 DORON LEIBY, ESQ., REFEREE STEIN, WIENER AND ROTH, L.L.P., ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF ONE OLD COUNTRY ROAD, SUITE 113 CARLE PLACE, NY 11514 DATED: May 3, 2018 FILE #: WELLS 64337 AJ; 5/11/18/25; 6/1

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: T-NANUET, LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 01/18/2018. Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to: Anderson registered agents 7014 13th Ave. STE 210 Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 5/11/18/25; 6/1/8/15

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: L-MIDDLETOWN, LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 01/18/2018. Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to: Anderson registered agents 7014 13th Ave. STE 210 Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 5/11/18/25; 6/1/8/15

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: G-HARRIMAN, LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 01/18/2018. Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to: Anderson registered agents 7014 13th Ave. STE 210 Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 5/11/18/25; 6/1/8/15

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Prince Charles. Photo: Mark Jones via Wikimedia Commons.

Prince Charles Will Be Guest of Honor at UK Concert Celebrating Israeli Arts and Culture

BY SHIRYN SOLNY

Prince Charles is scheduled to be the guest of honor at a concert in the UK celebrating 70 years of Israel's artistic and cultural achievements, The Jewish Chronicle reported on Thursday.

The show, called "Platinum — Celebrating Israel at 70," will feature live music, dance and art. A number of renowned and upcoming international and domestic artists are expected to take the stage and perform. The event will take place at the Royal Albert Hall on May 24 and tickets for the concert went on sale last month.

It was announced in March that Prince William was set to visit Israel in the summer, marking the first time a member of the royal family will make an official state visit to the country since its founding in 1948.

Prince Charles made a personal visit to Jerusalem

in October 2016 to attend the funeral of former Israeli President Shimon Peres. During the same trip he visited the grave of his paternal grandmother Princess Alice of Battenburg, who is buried in the Church of Mary Magdalene on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem.

In March, Israeli President Reuven Rivlin invited the British royal family to visit Israel to celebrate the upcoming centennial anniversary of the 1917 Balfour Declaration, which expressed the British government's support for the establishment of a Jewish homeland in the Land of Israel. In a meeting with UK Foreign Minister Boris Johnson, who was in Israel at the time, Rivlin said, "This is a very important year in the history of the relations between Israel and the United Kingdom. We will mark 100 years since the Balfour Declaration and I am greatly honored to extend an official invitation to the Royal family to visit Israel to mark this event."

Palestinians Say Bahrain, UAE Participation in Giro's Israel Leg Was 'Stab in Back'

BY JNS.org

The Palestinian Olympic Committee issued a scathing statement against the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain for taking part in the opening races of the yearly Giro d'Italia cycling competition last weekend, which took place in Israel.

The 101-year-old Giro d'Italia is one of the world's highest-profile annual bicycle races and the largest international sporting event ever to take place in Israel.

The 2018 Giro began with a 10-kilometer time trial in

Jerusalem on Friday, followed by a 167-kilometer stage from Haifa to Tel Aviv and a third stage on Sunday, taking riders 220 kilometers from the Upper Negev city of Beersheva all the way down to the port city of Eilat. The racers then made their way to Sicily for the next leg of the race.

In a published statement, the Palestinian Olympic Committee called the participation of Bahrain and United Arab Emirates in the race "a stab in the back to the great sacrifices made by the Palestinian people ... and a free service for the occupation." Neither of the teams responded to the attack.

Selena Gomez Wears Queen Esther-Inspired Dress to 2018 MET Gala

BY SHIRYN SOLNY

Actress and singer Selena Gomez wore a gown to the MET Gala on Monday inspired by the Bible's Queen Esther.

The songstress attend the event — whose theme this year was "Heavenly Bodies: Fashion and the Catholic Imagination" — wearing a custom-designed Coach slip gown and told Vogue about her look, "I wanted it to capture Queen Esther. I admire her strength and I think that's what I wanted it to feel like."

Gomez personalized the look even more by having her favorite quote from scripture, "A woman



Selena Gomez arrives at the Metropolitan Museum of Art Costume Institute Gala (Met Gala) to celebrate the opening of "Heavenly Bodies: Fashion and the Catholic Imagination" in New York City, May 7, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Carlo Allegri.

who fears the lord is a woman who shall be praised," carved in handwriting on both her bag and a ribbon sewn into her gown.

Another Jewish-inspired look at the MET Gala was worn by the original Wonder Woman, actress Lynda Carter. The 66-year-old, who played the superhero in the 1970s, wore a custom Zac Posen gown along with a gold crown that had on the front the Hebrew words "leolam al tishchechi," which in English translates to "never forget." In the back of her hair was a Star of David barrette. Carter also carried a bag designed by the iconic Holocaust survivor Judith Lieber.

Among the Jewish attendees of the event who stayed true to their religion was television and film producer Fabiola Beracasa Beckman, who said she refused to wear a cross to the gala "cause I thought that might be crossing the line — no pun intended."

Though UAE and Bahrain both sent eight-men teams, none of the participants were Bahraini or Emirati citizens. However, both teams wore jerseys emblazoned with the countries' national colors and the brand names of the sponsors: Bahrain Petroleum and the state-owned Emirates Airlines.

Malak Hassan, founder of the 3,000-member Cycling Palestine club, told Reuters that "the UAE and Bahrain know a lot about our cause, and there was no need for us to explain to them why they shouldn't take part."

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